

Tour code

Route Yangon - Golden Rock - Mandalay - Bagan - Yangon - Chwang Tha Beach - Yangon.

**Duration** 12 days / 11 nights

**Features** Very suitable to couples and who wish to enjoy each place utmost instead of a glance look, plus an

absolute hideaway at the beach.

# Hinerary in brief Services Included

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN YANGON - VISIT (D)

DAY 2: YANGON. VISIT (B/L/-)

DAY 3: YANGON - BAGO - GOLDEN ROCK (B/L/-)

DAY 4: GOLDEN ROCK - BAGO -YANGON - FLIGHT TO MANDALAY (B/L/-)

DAY 5: MANDALAY VISITS (B/L/-)

DAY 6: MANDALAY - MINGUN -MANDALAY VISITS (B/L/-)

DAY 7: MANDALAY - (FLIGHT) - BAGAN (B/L/-)

DAY 8: BAGAN (B/L/-)

DAY 9: BAGAN - (flight) - YANGON -CHWANG THA BEACH (B)

DAY 10: CHWANG THA BEACH AT LEISURE (B)

DAY 11: CHWANG THA BEACH -YANGON (B)

DAY 12: YANGON DEPARTURE (B)

English-speaking guide (station guide) except the last day.

Twin-shared room with daily breakfast Meals as mentioned in the program with Myanmar food at good local

Land transfer by good air-con vehicles.

Water during transfer

restaurants.

Boat trip as mentioned in the program

Compulsory Admission

# Services Excluded

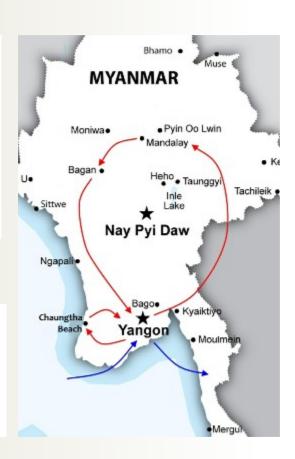
Visa

Other Admission (quoted separately) Domestic flights (quoted separately)

International flights

Other meals and drinks

Tips and personal expenses





# DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN YANGON - VISIT (D)

Welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Threeland tour guide and transferred to hotel to check-in. After a short refreshment we will start our memorable trip in Yangon including Sule Pagoda (a land mark in the city centre). Legend said that it is more than 2,000-year-old and the central stupa is said to enshrine a hair of the Buddha. During the walking tour around Sule Pagoda, you will discover a unique charm of Yangon at every corner with its old colonial architecture buildings such as the City Hall and The Supreme Court. Visit the Gem Museum - perhaps you have heard much about the jade and other precious stones of Myanmar and this is time to witness them. Go on to Karaweik built as a palace on the bank of Kadawgyi Lake, a great viewpoint of the city in the evening, for dinner and a Myanmar traditional show.

## DAY 2: YANGON. VISIT (B/L/-)

After breakfast at hotel, we will head to the greatest landmark of Yangon - Shwedagon pagoda. In May 2012 this pagoda had just celebrated its 2,600 years old (according to Buddhism records). The massive and magnificent gold-encrusted main Pagoda (99 meter high) is one of the wonders not just of Myanmar but Buddhist countries and the entire world, and is surrounded by thousands of stupas and a grand plaza where you can meet devoted Buddhists at meditation and pray. No visitor, even non-religious people, can spend less than two or three hours here.

Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon we will visit the colonial quarter and the Botataung Jetty where we can witness the daily life of Yangon hardworking people, and pay a visit to Botataung Paya nearby, one of the three biggest pagodas of the city. Visit Bogyoke Aung San market (also called Scott market (closed on Monday) for intermingling with the locals and shopping afterward before returning to our hotel. O/N Yangon.

### DAY 3: YANGON - BAGO - GOLDEN ROCK (B/L/-)

After breakfast at hotel we will be transferred to the Golden Rock via Bago with a stopover at Taukkyan War Memorial, dedicated to the British soldiers who died in Myanmar during the WWII from 1939 to 1945, with impressive memorial pillars with the name of 27,000 Commonwealth soldiers. Keep going via Bago and reach the 1st base camp at the mountainfoot of Kyaikhtiyo, where we will leave our vehicle to take the truck specialized used for Kyaikhtiyo's upright slopes to reach the 2nd stop, from where we leave the truck walk on foot uphill for more than half hour to the area of Golden Rock. Check-in hotel and come to enjoy the sunset at the Rock, one of the most famous attractions of Myanmar with a pretty temple built on the top of a giant precarious rock. The panoramic view of the mountain ranges nearby set a wonderful landscape in the dusk.

Back to hotel in the evening for your leisure. O/N Golden Rock.

# DAY 4: GOLDEN ROCK - BAGO - YANGON - FLIGHT TO MANDALAY (B/L/-)

Wake up in the early morning and walk over the Golden Rock again will give you a great picture of the religious life of Myanmar people. Poor or rich, the Burmese frequently give their contribution in finance, time and accurate assistance to Buddhist temples, pagodas and shrines as the most essential things to be done in life. When intermingling with the locals in their rituals here, one can find own tranquility and get out of our daily hustle. Return to the hotel for breakfast before getting downhill on foot again to the truck stop and take our truck to go back to the mountainfoot where our driver is waiting to transfer us back to Yangon. Stop en route to visit beautiful Paya is a good idea if we have enough time (depending on the next flight time). Upon arrival in Yangon, transfer to the airport for our flight Yangon - Mandalay.

Welcomed by our guide and driver in Mandalay and transfer to the city, check in hotel and have your leisure time in the evening. O/N Mandalay.

### DAY 5: MANDALAY VISITS (B/L/-)

Breakfast at hotel. Different from other tranquil towns of Myanmar, Mandalay is much more hectic, business-minded, yet the city maintains very well great vestiges that cannot be missed like Amarapura, Sagaing hill and U-Bein Bridge that we will visit today. We will go to the monastery in Amarapura before 10am, where the brunch, the only meal of the day, of thousands of monks is held every day at 10am, a very respectful and traditional ritual yet open to visitors to contemplate and discuss with the Buddhist people and monks to understand more about religious life and traditions of Buddhism in Myanmar. (Lunch between visits at a local restaurant.) Go on to Sagaing hill to enjoy a great view of multiple pagodas and temples dotted the hillside, making a unique panorama for Mandalay, and visit famous Mahamuni temple before enjoying the sunset over U-Bein bridge, the longest and most captivating teakwood bridge in the world.

Back to the hotel later afternoon. O/N Mandalay.



#### **DAY 6: MANDALAY - MINGUN - MANDALAY VISITS** (B/L/-)

After breakfast we will be transferred to the jetty to take our boat trip to Mingun by local ferry. After about 11km upstream watching all types of wooden boats and bamboo rafts, carrying goods up and down the river we will reach the place and visit Mingun Bell, weighting 87 tons and being the world's largest intact bronze bell. Continue to the beautiful Hsinbyume Paya and the unfinished Mingun Paya (built with the intention of being the world's biggest pagoda). Beside the incomparable view of vestiges, Mingun gives us a chance to get close to the life of countryside people either we can witness their hardworking on the river or at the villages near Mingun.

Lunch at local restaurant between visits. Back to Mandalay by ferry at the end of the trip and transfer back to hotel for your free discovery at Mandalay on foot. O/N Mandalay.

#### DAY 7: MANDALAY - (FLIGHT) - BAGAN (B/L/-)

Our Breakfast box will be prepared by the hotel in Mandalay if we need to catch very early flight to Bagan today. Transfer to the airport.

Welcomed by the guide in Bagan (Nyang-U airport) and transfer to the hotel which located very close by the airport. If staying in Myanmar for several days ever makes you feel Myanmar is a country from the old time Asia, Bagan may even strengthen that feelings more than anywhere else in the country. Tranquility, charm, miracle, and breathtaking view everywhere are what you will always see in every corner of Bagan, where thousands of ancient temples and stupas emerge from a plain land along Irrawaddy River. This afternoon we will stroll around by horse cart to visit temples and stupas in Bagan until catching it marvelous sunset behind the towers. Lunch at local restaurant between visits. O/N Bagan.

Please note! The cost to the newly built highest Tower in Bagan for the sunset or panorama view is extra (USD 10 per person)

#### DAY 8: BAGAN (B/L/-)

Breakfast box will be prepared by our hotel again for our very early trip at 4.30 or 5.00 to catch the sunrise in Bagan. This visit should not be missed and you can deep yourselves into the best view of the country in absolute tranquility, isolation and genuineness. As Bagan posses thousands of stupas, temples, pagoda, our tourguide will keep the program flexible and introduce you to the best of them, including Ananda Temple - one of the finest in architecture and most revered temples with its four standing Bagan style Buddha images and huge carved teak doors, Ananda Oakkyaung simply a Monastery built with red bricks, located within the precincts of the Ananda Temple. It was built in 1137 AD and paintings of the 18th century are seen in the walls of the monastery, Thatbyinnyu Temple - 201ft tall, the tallest in Bagan and it is shaped like a cross, but is not symmetrical. The temple has two primary storeys, with the seated Buddha image located on the second storey. Dhammayangyi Temple - the widest temple in Bagan, and is built in a plan similar to that of Ananda Temple. Or Shwezigon Pagoda - built by King Anawrahta, a prototype of later Myanmar stupas, Htilominlo Temple well-known for its old mural, fine plaster carving and glazed sandstone decoration. The Shwezigon can be saved until we are back to Nyang-U as it offers great view in the dusk. O/N Bagan.

### DAY 9: BAGAN - (flight) - YANGON - CHWANG THA BEACH (B)

After breakfast we will be transferred to Nyang-U airport to fly back from Bagan to Yangon. Our guide and driver will welcome us again in Yangon and escort us to Chwang-Tha beach, about 300km away, in between mountain area. We will stop en route to contemplate the landscape and talk to the locals and visit handicraft villages or get the great panoramic view at our refreshment stop. This is a great chance to come into groove of the rural before we reach the beach of Chwang Tha. Being one of the best beaches in Myanmar, the beach can offer us a good place to get away for a while and enjoy beach activities or just spend our leisure time for swimming and sunbath. (Lunch and dinner by your own arrangement and cost). O/N Chwang Tha beach.

#### DAY 10: CHWANG THA BEACH AT LEISURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel, at leisure the whole day, no services provided. O/N Chwang Tha heach.

### DAY 11: CHWANG THA BEACH - YANGON (B)

After breakfast, transfer back to Yangon. Go shopping at Yangon markets for our last chance to get gifts for our families and friends. O/N Yangon.

### **DAY 12: YANGON DEPARTURE (B)**

Breakfast at hotel, at leisure until the car picks-up and transfer to the airport for departure flight (car only). Please note: Latest checkout time at 12.00pm, optional tours or activities will be recommended to the guests upon request.